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The Honorable Sam Reed
Secretary of State
PO Box 40220
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Dear Secretary Reed.

King County Elections hereby requests a one year extension of the provisional certification of the Election Systems and Software's Assure 1.2 voting system and it's associated hardware, software, and firmware.

This suite of software, hardware, and firmware was provisionally certified for one year on 28 May 2009 due to the fact that it had not yet been federally certified at that time. The provisional certification expires 31 May 2010. Assure 1.2 has subsequently been federally certified. However, there are a number of minor differences between the Washington State provisionally certified version and the federally certified version (even though they share the same version number). King County believes that since there are differences, we should thoroughly test the federally certified version prior to migrating to it.

The capacity for King County Elections to perform this vital testing was diminished by a pre-emptive move of our operations from our Renton facility to a temporary facility. The need for this move was brought about by increased risk of flooding in the Green River Valley due to problems at the Howard Hanson Dam. The timing of our return to our permanent facility has been in a constant state of flux until just recently.

The provisionally certified Assure 1.2 voting system has been used successfully in four elections, including a large county-wide Primary and General election. No issues involving the accuracy of results have been encountered.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Laird Hail, Technical Services Manager, at (206) 296-3360.

Sincerely,

Sherril Huff

Director, King County Elections